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Singapore: Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew has launched an emotional diatribe against the US in what appears to be an effort to attract Asian and African support.

In an interview with five foreign correspondents on 30 August, he complained about an alleged American failure to provide emergency medical care for "someone near and dear to him," and alleged that his visit to the US in 1962 had been handled ineptly. He also complained of a subversion plot in 1960.

In the past Lee was considered [to be] somewhat anti-American, but has generally muted his criticisms during the past two years. By attacking the US at this time he is probably seeking to avoid the "neo-colonialist" label that might result from his disclosure last week of a Communist-Indonesian plot against Singapore. His outburst may also stem from worry over [his wife's] serious illness.

Greece: A crown council composed of [12] former premiers and party leaders will meet with King Constantine today in an effort to end the political crisis.

The council is expected to search for a compromise between ex-Premier Papandreu's insistence on elections and the King's refusal to allow him to return to power, but the King is not bound to accept its advice. Left-wing trade unions are scheduling strikes and rallies to demand elections as the only solution.

[In a conversation with the US chargé in Athens on 30 August the King's political adviser indicated the King might next call for a coalition government based on all non-Communist parties.]

[Papandreu has again stated he will insist on a government of nonpolitical personalities with elections to follow by the end of December.]

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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Representatives of both sides have accepted the Act of Reconciliation and Hector Garcia Godoy is tentatively scheduled to be installed as provisional president on 3 September.

Caamano and other members of the rebel negotiating committee signed the Act yesterday afternoon. Francisco Rivera Caminero, Defense Minister in Imbert's regime, and other military leaders endorsed the proposals last night by signing a declaration appended to the Act. [Earlier in the day the military service chiefs had appeared to be holding out for Garcia Godoy's assurance that Rivera would be retained in his post under the provisional regime.]

Meanwhile, people in the interior seem confused by the conflicting propaganda of the contending factions. Some peasants are interpreting Imbert's resignation as a victory for the rebels. Backers of Imbert are resentful because they feel the US forced Imbert's decision to resign and some of them have gone so far as to threaten US citizens.

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25X1 Argentina - Communist China: [A five-man Chinese Communist trade fair delegation reportedly has received authorization to visit Argentina.]

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Bolivia: The second 48-hour strike within a week has hit the nationalized tin mines. Workers at Catavi Siglo-Veinte, the country's largest mine complex, walked out on 31 August in an attempt to pressure the government into renouncing its program to reform the mines. *In addition, students demonstrated in Oruro on 31 August ostensibly to pressure the junta into granting additional aid to the university. Army troops are standing by to deal with any violence.

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Jamaica: Riots which occurred in Kingston over the week end were essentially an anti-Chinese outburst by Negro mobs following a personal dispute between a Chinese and a Jamaican. Several persons were wounded by gunfire and police used tear gas to restore order. Such disturbances are an outgrowth of the widespread unemployment, poverty, and racial tensions which foster an atmosphere of unrest in many Caribbean islands.

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